

At the General Sessions of the Peace holden for the Town and Borough of *Southwark*, on *Monday* the 16th day of *May*, 1681. before the Right Honorable the *Lord Mayor* of the City of *London*, the *Recorder* of the same City, and other his Maiesties *Justices of the Peace* for the said Town and Borough.

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HUMBLE ADDRESS

Hereunto Annexed.

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rendred so easie, that, though we have ever hitherto in all Duty rested silently satisfied in Your Majesties Zeal for both; yet now, if it may please Your Majesty, we can no longer forbear to declare to Your Majesty, and publish to all the World, our grateful sense of Your Majesties so Solemn, so Condescending, and so Gracious a Publication of Your Resolutions to Maintain the one, and Rule by the other; thereby removing all the just Fears and Jealousies that might arise from the Practices of Undermining Papists and Factious Republicans.

Your Majesties Gracious Promise of calling Frequent Parliaments, is so transcendent an Obligation upon Us who are resolved to be the same Loyal Subjects in the Intervals of Parliaments as during their Session, that whenever Your Majesties Wisdom and Providence shall Appoint an Election, we shall take all possible care to chuse such Representatives as shall comply with Your Majesties Designs of Extirpating Popery, and Maintaining the Established Religion of the Church of *England*, and who shall likewise be ready to present your Majesty with such Supplies as the Dignity of the Crown, and the Necessities of the Government shall require.

Your Majesty is pleased to remind us of the late Rebellion in a Manner so obliging, and for an End so good, as gives a most undeniable Testimony of Your Majesties generous Oblivion of the Injustice therein done to Your self, and that Your Royal Memory retains only a compassionate Impression of the Miseries thereby brought upon Your Subjects; so that should we not now yield our selves up as the Conquest of Your Majesties Goodness, and sit down contented with our own Happiness, but contrary to all Your Majesties Desires and Counsels fall into the like Guilt and Mischief again, we should be not only the most Ungrateful, but the most Unpitied people in the world: And therefore, as we Your Majesties ever Loyal Subjects do for our parts with shame and sorrow reflect upon the former Miscarriages and Calamities, and with the utmost Detestation and Horror tremble at the thoughts of ever seeing the like a second time; so we doubt not but that multitudes of deluded and misled men have, upon the occasion of Your Majesties Declaration, so effectually considered and recollected the several steps and advances by which they were betray'd into those Confusions, as to be by this time fully convinced that **true and steady Loyalty is the surest Foundation of the Kingdoms Felicity.**

To this Maxim we declare that we do at present firmly stand, and that by it we will always act; beseeching Your Majesty to be assured that our Lives and Fortunes lie at Your Royal Feet, and that we will upon all occasions be ready to Sacrifice them both in defence of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and the Establish'd Government of Church and State.

Which ADDRESS being Subscribed by every one of the Grand-Jury, was according to their Request Humbly Presented to His Majesty in Council at Hampton-Court by Sir George Treby, Knight, Recorder of the City of London, and had a most Gracious Acceptance.